

IN THE CLAIMS

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please **AMEND** claims 3, 9, 11, 12, 13 and 15, in accordance with the following:

1. (CANCELED)

2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The information distribution/reproduction control apparatus according to claim 3, further comprising:

a change-over unit to be manipulated by an operator for changing a control condition of the reproduction control unit to another control condition,

wherein said reproduction control unit controls said receiving device according to the changed control condition.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An information distribution/reproduction control apparatus, comprising:

a distribution control unit distributing over a network a content as real-time reproducible stream information to a receiving device;

a reproduction control unit controlling the distribution control unit regarding distribution of the content to the receiving device, and controlling over the network according to reproduction instructions to the receiving device the real-time reproduction of the stream information of the content at the receiving device; and

a memory unit storing a distribution schedule information of the distribution control unit and the reproduction control unit,

wherein the distribution schedule information comprises information on a time and a date to start and end the distribution of the content, and the reproduction control unit controls the distribution control unit and the receiving device based on the stored distribution schedule information.

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The information distribution/reproduction control apparatus according to claim 3, wherein a plurality of said receiving devices are provided, and said reproduction control unit carries out an identical control to each receiving device and prohibits an execution of an external control relating to a reproduction at said receiving devices.

5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The information distribution/reproduction control apparatus according to claim 3, wherein a plurality of said receiving devices are provided, and said reproduction control unit carries out an identical control to each receiving device and permits an execution of an external control relating to a reproduction at said receiving devices.

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The information distribution/reproduction control apparatus according to claim 3, further comprising:

an editing unit receiving the content as the real-time reproducible stream information from an information distribution device, and editing and distributing the received real-time reproducible stream information, wherein the reproduction control unit controls the receiving device regarding the real-time reproduction of the edited stream information.

7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The information distribution/reproduction control apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the information distribution device edits and distributes the real-time reproducible stream information and the reproduction control unit controls the receiving device, regarding the real-time reproduction of the edited stream information.

8. (CANCELLED)

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An information distribution/reproduction control apparatus, comprising:

a distribution control unit distributing over a network a plurality of contents each as stream information including moving picture data that can be reproduced in real time to a receiving device;

a reproduction control unit controlling over the network the distribution control unit regarding the distribution of the plurality of stream information of the contents to the receiving device, and controlling over the network the receiving device regarding a display method relating to the real-time reproduction of the plurality of stream information of the contents; and

a memory unit storing importance level information of each content ,

wherein the reproduction control unit controls over the network the receiving device to reproduce a higher priority stream information of a content over stream information of other contents based on the stored importance level information.

10. (CANCELLED)

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An information distribution/reproduction control apparatus, comprising:

a distribution control unit distributing over a network a plurality of contents each as stream information including moving picture data and voice data that can be reproduced in real time to a receiving device;

a reproduction control unit controlling over the network the distribution control unit regarding the distribution of the plurality of stream information of the contents to the receiving device, and controlling over the network the receiving device regarding a display method of the moving picture and a reproduction method of the voice, relating to the real-time reproduction of the plurality of stream information of the contents; and

a memory unit storing importance level information of each content ,

wherein the reproduction control unit controls over the network the receiving device to reproduce a higher priority stream information of a content over stream information of other contents based on the stored importance level information.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An information distribution/reproduction control method comprising:

storing a distribution schedule information comprising a time and a date for starting and ending distribution over a network of a content as real-time reproducible stream information from an information distribution device to a receiving device;

controlling, over the network, the information distribution device based on the distribution schedule information, regarding the distribution of the content to the receiving device; and

controlling, over the network, based on the distribution schedule information and according to reproduction instructions to the receiving device, the real-time reproduction of the stream information of the content at the receiving device.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer-readable recording medium storing an information distribution/reproduction control program controlling a transit computer server according to a process comprising:

storing a distribution schedule information comprising a time and a date for starting and ending distribution over a network of a content as real-time reproducible stream information from an information distribution device to a receiving device;

controlling, over the network, the information distribution device based on the distribution schedule information, regarding the distribution of the content to the receiving device; and

controlling, over the network, based on the distribution schedule information and according to reproduction instructions to the receiving device, the real-time reproduction of the stream information of the content at the receiving device.

14. (CANCELLED)

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A data streaming network system, comprising:

a distribution server comprising a programmed computer processor distributing over a network a content as real-time reproducible stream information to a client computer;

a transit control server in network communication with the distribution server and the client computer and comprising a programmed computer processor controlling over the network the distribution of the content by the distribution server and controlling over the network, according to reproduction instructions to the receiving device, the real-time stream information reproduction conditions of the content at the client computer.